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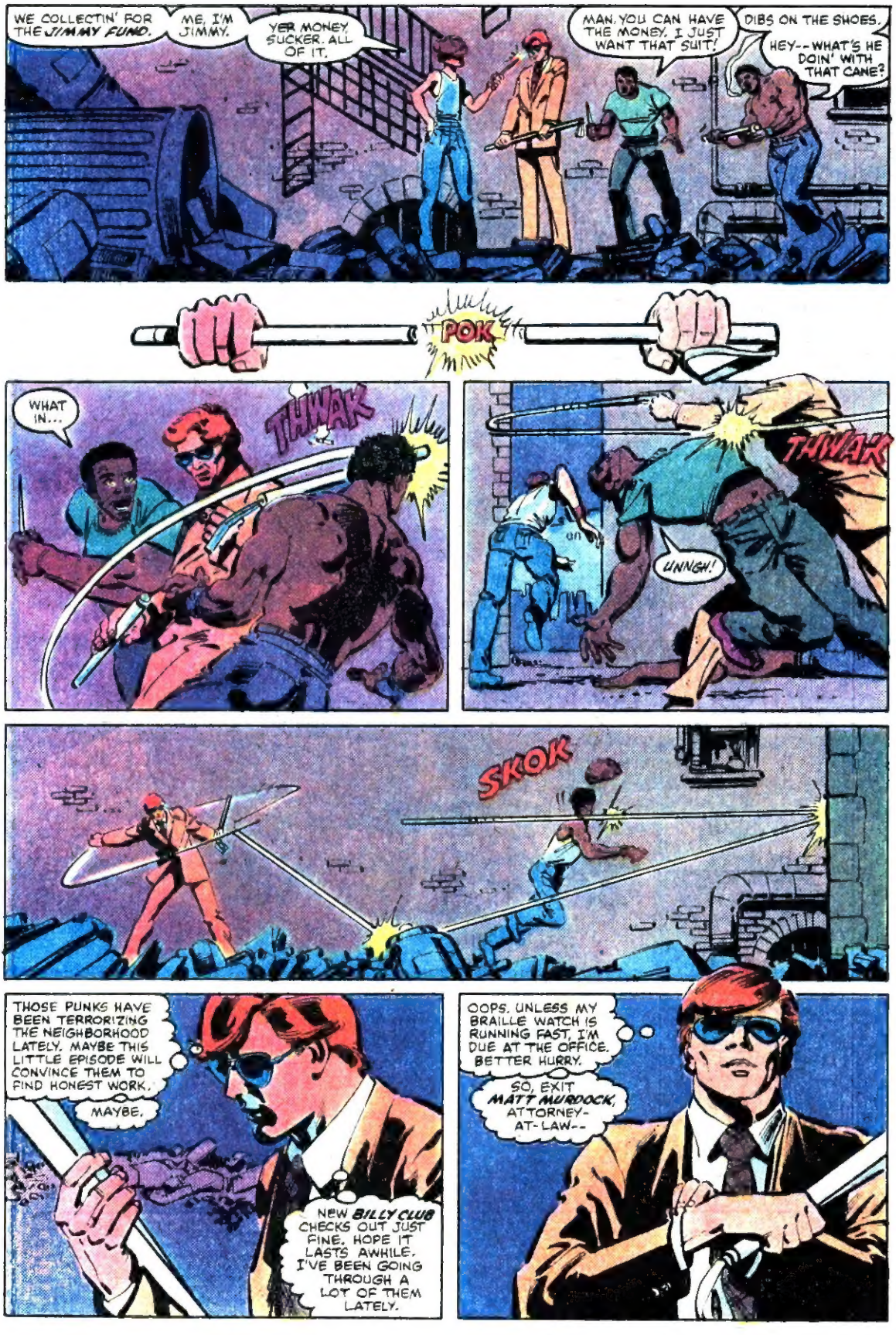
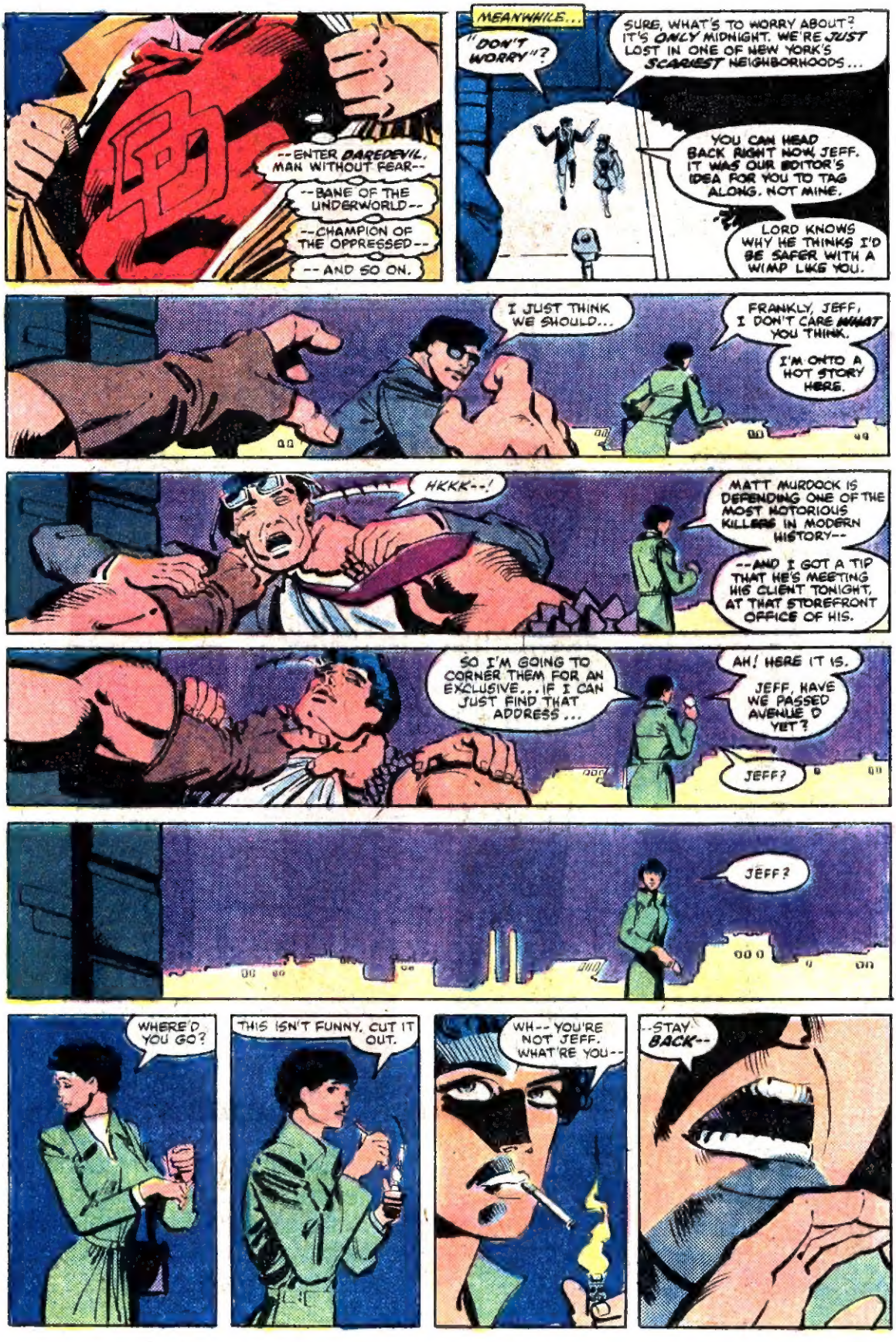

WE COLLECTIN' FOR THE JIMMY FUND.
ME, I'M JIMMY.
YER MONEY, SUCKER. ALL OF IT.
MAN, YOU CAN HAVE THE MONEY. I JUST WANT THAT SUIT!
DIBS ON THE SHOES.
HEY--WHAT'S HE DOIN' WITH THAT CANE?
POK
WHAT IN...
THWAK
THWAK
UNNGH!
SKOK
THOSE PUNKS HAVE BEEN TERRORIZING THE NEIGHBORHOOD LATELY. MAYBE THIS LITTLE EPISODE WILL CONVINCE THEM TO FIND HONEST WORK.
MAYBE.
NEW BILLY CLUB CHECKS OUT JUST FINE. HOPE IT LASTS AWHILE. I'VE BEEN GOING THROUGH A LOT OF THEM LATELY.
OOPS. UNLESS MY BRAILLE WATCH IS RUNNING FAST, I'M DUE AT THE OFFICE. BETTER HURRY.
SO, EXIT MATT MURDOCK, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW--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--BANE OF THE UNDERWORLD--
--CHAMPION OF THE OPPRESSED--
--AND SO ON.
MEANWHILE...
"DON'T WORRY"?
SURE, WHAT'S TO WORRY ABOUT? IT'S ONLY MIDNIGHT. WE'RE JUST LOST IN ONE OF NEW YORK'S SCARIEST NEIGHBORHOODS...
YOU CAN HEAD BACK RIGHT NOW, JEFF. IT WAS OUR EDITOR'S IDEA FOR YOU TO TAG ALONG. NOT MINE.
LORD KNOWS WHY HE THINKS I'D BE SAFER WITH A WIMP LIKE YOU.
I JUST THINK WE SHOULD...
FRANKLY, JEFF, I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU THINK.
I'M ONTO A HOT STORY HERE.
HKKK--!
MATT MURDOCK IS DEFENDING ONE OF THE MOST NOTORIOUS KILLERS IN MODERN HISTORY--
--AND I GOT A TIP THAT HE'S MEETING HIS CLIENT TONIGHT, AT THAT STOREFRONT OFFICE OF HIS.
SO I'M GOING TO CORNER THEM FOR AN EXCLUSIVE... IF I CAN JUST FIND THAT ADDRESS...
AH! HERE IT IS.
JEFF, HAVE WE PASSED AVENUE D YET?
JEFF?
JEFF?
WHERE'D YOU GO?
THIS ISN'T FUNNY. CUT IT OUT.
WH-- YOU'RE NOT JEFF. WHAT'RE YOU--
--STAY BACK--

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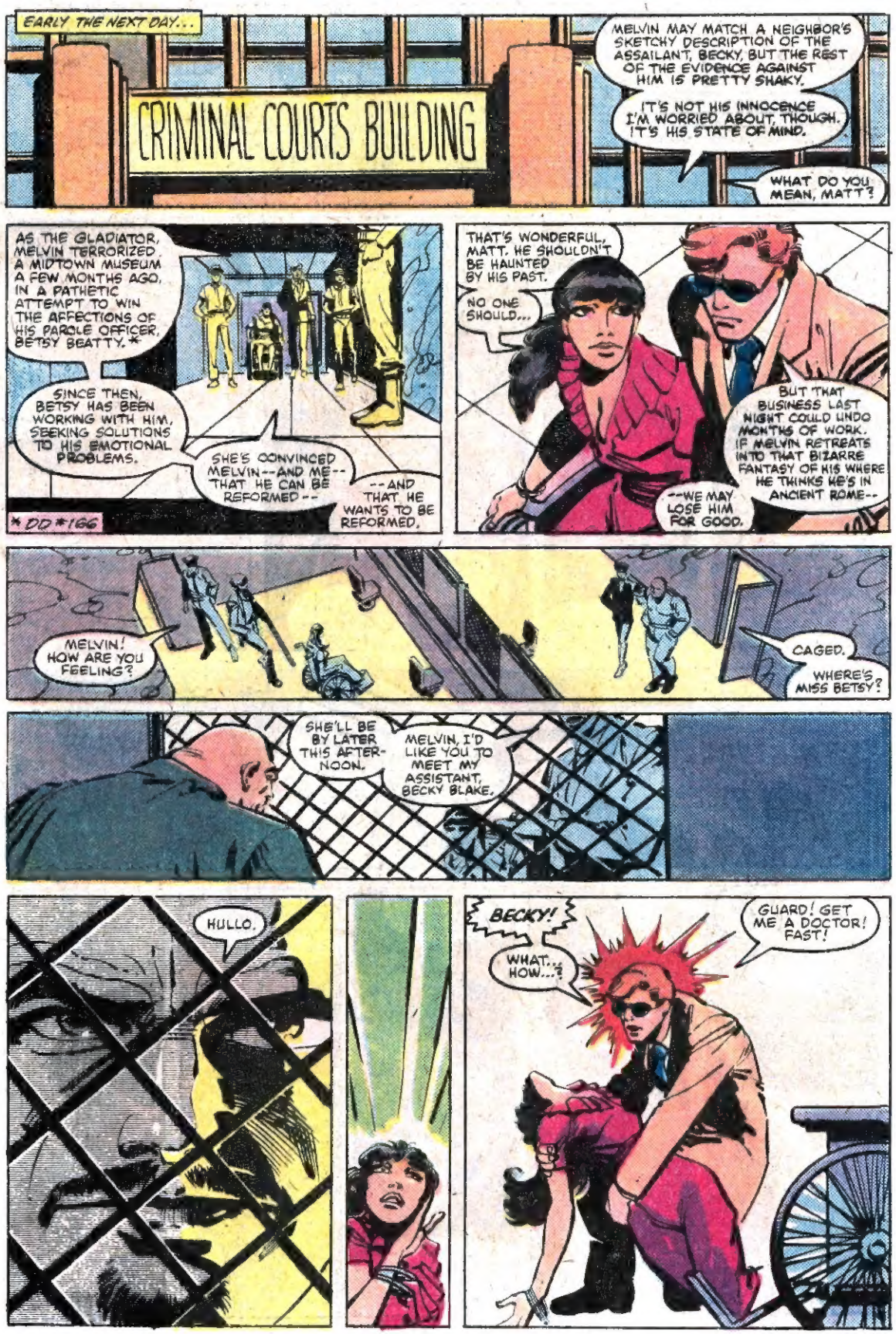
BAD GIRL, SHOULDN'T HAVE SCREAMED.
SLAPP
DIDN'T NEED MY SUPER-SENSITIVE HEARING TO PICK UP THAT SCREAM.
IT'S A WOMAN-- IN TROUBLE-- THREE BLOCKS AWAY.
HAVE TO PUNISH YOU.
SLAPP
SOMETIMES I WISH MY REMAINING SENSES HADN'T BEEN AMPLIFIED BY THE ACCIDENT THAT COST ME MY SIGHT.
I CAN HEAR A VICIOUS BEATING-- THE ATTACKER'S HARSH, GUTTURAL VOICE--
--AND I'M STILL A BLOCK AWAY FROM DOING ANY-THING ABOUT IT!
DOWN THERE! IT'S AWFUL!
PLEASE-- HE'S KILLING HER!
SOMEONE-- PLEASE!
HE'S GETTING AWAY. THAT NEIGHBOR SCARED HIM OFF.
I COULD FOLLOW HIM-- I'D LOVE TO--

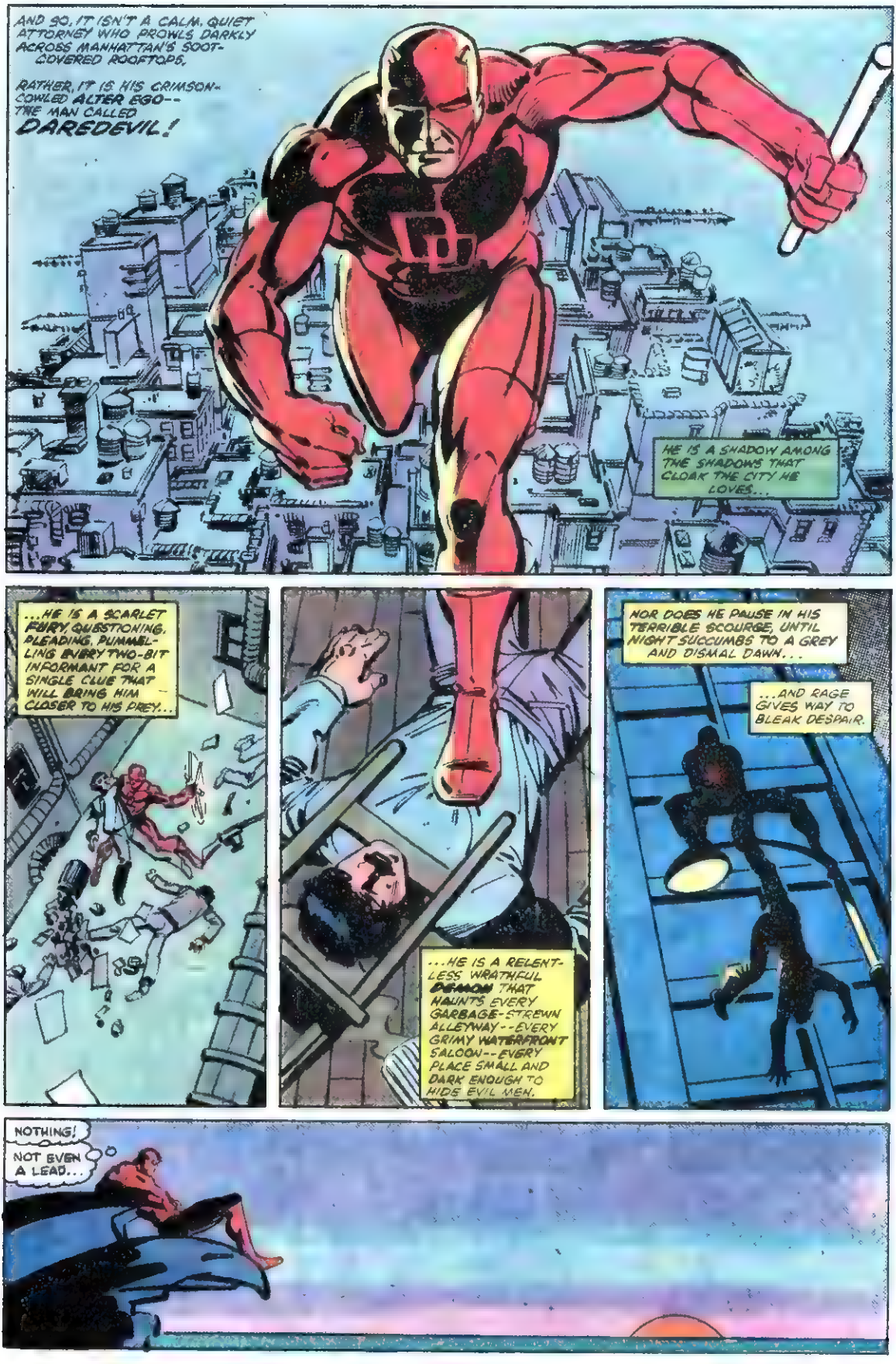
--BUT MY FIRST DUTY IS TO HIS VICTIMS.
HE DIDN'T FINISH EITHER OF THEM OFF--NOT QUITE, ANYWAY. I MAY BE ABLE TO KEEP THEM ALIVE UNTIL AN AMBULANCE ARRIVES.
SOON...
IF THEY MAKE IT TO THE HOSPITAL, THERE'S HOPE FOR BOTH OF THEM.
HAVE TO FIND WHO DID THIS--AND SOON.
FREEZE, SUCKER!
OH, NO...
WE GOT HIM, LOOTENANT!
HE WAS JUST DUMB ENOUGH TO STICK AROUND.
NICE WORK, DELANY.
THEY'VE COLLARED MY CLIENT!
BUT HE COULDN'T HAVE...
...WHAT A MESS!
OFFICER! WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?
WHO'S ASKIN'?
I'M THIS MAN'S PAROLE OFFICER.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
THEY'RE GONNA LOCK ME UP AGAIN, MISS BETSY. THEY THINK I'M STILL BAD.
I BELIEVE IN YOU, MELVIN. YOU KNOW I DO.
AWRIGHTALREADY! SO I'M TOUCHED! BUT I STILL GOT SOME QUESTIONS FER TALL, DARK AND STUPID HERE.
LIKE HOW COME YER--
DON'T SAY A WORD, MELVIN!
TAP
TAP
TAP
LIEUTENANT MANOLIS, UNLESS YOU WANT TO BE BROUGHT UP ON CHARGES YOURSELF, I'D SUGGEST YOU INFORM MY CLIENT OF HIS CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS.
SPECIFICALLY, THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT.
DON'T WORRY, MELVIN, WE'LL STRAIGHTEN THIS OUT.


EARLY THE NEXT DAY...
CRIMINAL COURTS BUILDING
MELVIN MAY MATCH A NEIGHBOR'S SKETCHY DESCRIPTION OF THE ASSAILANT, BECKY, BUT THE REST OF THE EVIDENCE AGAINST HIM IS PRETTY SHAKY.
IT'S NOT HIS INNOCENCE I'M WORRIED ABOUT, THOUGH. IT'S HIS STATE OF MIND.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, MATT?
AS THE GLADIATOR, MELVIN TERRORIZED A MIDTOWN MUSEUM A FEW MONTHS AGO, IN A PATHETIC ATTEMPT TO WIN THE AFFECTIONS OF HIS PAROLE OFFICER, BETSY BEATTY.*
SINCE THEN, BETSY HAS BEEN WORKING WITH HIM, SEEKING SOLUTIONS TO HIS EMOTIONAL PROBLEMS.
SHE'S CONVINCED MELVIN--AND ME--THAT HE CAN BE REFORMED--
--AND THAT HE WANTS TO BE REFORMED.
*DD#166
THAT'S WONDERFUL, MATT. HE SHOULDN'T BE HAUNTED BY HIS PAST.
NO ONE SHOULD...
BUT THAT BUSINESS LAST NIGHT COULD UNDO MONTHS OF WORK. IF MELVIN RETREATS INTO THAT BIZARRE FANTASY OF HIS WHERE HE THINKS HE'S IN ANCIENT ROME--
--WE MAY LOSE HIM FOR GOOD.
MELVIN! HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
CAGED. WHERE'S MISS BETSY?
SHE'LL BE BY LATER THIS AFTERNOON.
MELVIN, I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET MY ASSISTANT, BECKY BLAKE.
HULLO.
BECKY!
WHAT...? HOW...?
GUARD! GET ME A DOCTOR! FAST!

AN HOUR LATER, IN THE INFIRMARY...
WHAT WAS IT, BECKY?
WHAT MADE YOU FAINT?
IT- IT WAS NOTHING, MATT.
FORGET IT.
YOU WERE REACTING TO MELVIN. I COULD TELL.
LOOK, MATT, I'LL BE ALL RIGHT. JUST DROP IT, OKAY?
OKAY, THEN WE CAN GO BACK TO MELVIN AND--
NO!
OH, PLEASE, NO!
MATT--YOU CAN'T MAKE ME FACE HIM AGAIN...NOT AGAIN...
BECKY, I HAVE TO KNOW. FOGGY'S PULLED A DISAPPEARING ACT, SO I'M LEFT WITHOUT A PARTNER. I NEED YOUR HELP.
I'VE BEEN MEANING TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THAT, MATT. FOGGY'S BEEN ACTING VERY--
DON'T TRY TO CHANGE THE SUBJECT.
HAVE YOU EVER MET MELVIN POTTER BEFORE?
NO. I...
YES.
IT WAS THREE YEARS AGO. I WAS A STUDENT AT HARVARD, WORKING TOWARD A LAW DEGREE.
I WAS A GOOD STUDENT, MATT.
WHAT HAPPENED?
I...I WAS WALKING TO MY DORMITORY ONE NIGHT, ALONE.
I GUESS THAT WAS STUPID.
ALL OF A SUDDEN, HE WAS RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME.
HE WAS BIG AND HORRIBLE AND HE HAD AN AWFUL LEATHER MASK.
HE SLAPPED ME, HARD, KNOCKED ME DOWN.
THEN...THEN HE STARTED TALKING TO ME, TELLING ME I WAS A BAD GIRL AND HE HAD TO PUNISH ME.
JUST LIKE THE ATTACKER, LAST NIGHT.
WHAT DID YOU DO?
WHAT COULD I...HE WAS SO STRONG... I TRIED TO FIGHT HIM, BUT HE WAS SO STRONG...

I SCRATCHED AT HIS FACE, AND THE MASK CAME OFF, AND I SAW HIM. THEN HE STARTED HITTING ME, ALL OVER.
I WANTED TO DIE, MATT. I REALLY DID.
WHEN I WOKE UP, I WAS IN THE HOSPITAL. MY LEGS WERE... THAT'S HOW I GOT LIKE THIS.
BUT I COULD STILL SEE HIS FACE, EVERY TIME I CLOSED MY EYES. STILL CAN SOMETIMES.
MATT, IT WAS HIM. YOUR CLIENT.
HE COULDN'T HAVE...
DO YOU THINK I'D FORGET? AFTER HE...
WHAT DID THE POLICE DO?
BECKY?
I DIDN'T TELL THEM, MATT. I TOLD THEM I DIDN'T REMEMBER.
WHAT?
YOU DIDN'T REPORT IT?
YOU--YOU WORK FOR ME--AND YOU DIDN'T REPORT A CRIME LIKE THAT?
DON'T TRY TO JUDGE ME, MATT.
YOU JUST DON'T KNOW...
IT WAS SO...SO HUMILIATING. I KNEW... WHEN... I KNEW I WAS HELPLESS... THAT NOTHING I COULD DO... IT WAS UP TO HIM, WHETHER I LIVED OR DIED... UP TO HIM, NOT ME... I WAS NOTHING...
I JUST WANTED TO FORGET IT. TO ESCAPE.
WHAT ABOUT HIS OTHER VICTIMS? YOU PROBABLY WEREN'T THE ONLY ONE.
DON'T REPROACH ME, MATT
YOU LET HIM GET AWAY WITH IT!
MATT-- DON'T--
BUT YOU...
LEAVE ME ALONE! GET OUT OF HERE! JUST GET-- GET OUT OF HERE!

THE NEXT AFTERNOON, IN COURT...
...THE PROSECUTION WILL PROVE THAT THE DEFENDANT, MELVIN POTTER, IS MENTALLY COMPETENT TO STAND TRIAL.
AND THAT, ON JANUARY SIXTEENTH, HE KIDNAPPED AND HELD AS HOSTAGE THREE INNOCENT CHILDREN AND THEIR GUARDIAN...
...THAT HE DID IN FACT MURDER A MUSEUM GUARD, AND PERMANENTLY CRIPPLE THE MUSEUM'S CURATOR.
YOUR HONOR, MS. LAVENDER HAS DETAILED SOME OF THE CHARGES AGAINST MY CLIENT.
HOWEVER, SHE HAS NEGLECTED TO MENTION ANOTHER CHARGE FOR WHICH MY CLIENT IS CURRENTLY BEING TRIED--
--BY THE CITY'S NEWSPAPERS.
ALTHOUGH HIS ARREST LAST NIGHT HAS YET TO RESULT IN FORMAL CHARGES, EVERY NEW YORK TABLOID CARRIES BANNER HEADLINES SUCH AS THIS.
I SUBMIT THAT NO IMPARTIAL JURY CAN BE CONVENED ON THE MUSEUM CASE, UNTIL THIS NEW ACCUSATION IS DISPATCHED.
DAILY BUGLE
GLADIATOR STRIKES!
Bulks two Bugle Reporters
OBJECTION, YOUR HONOR!
MR. MURDOCK'S THEATRICS CANNOT OBSCURE--
OBJECTION OVERRULED.
YOU'VE GOT YOUR DELAY, COUNSELLOR.
JUMP
STALLING WON'T HELP, MURDOCK. THIS TIME, I'M GOING TO BEAT YOU.
MURDOCK?
THEY ALL THINK I'M STILL BAD, MISS BETSY.
IT MAKES ME SO MAD, I COULD...
NO, MELVIN, WE BELIEVE IN YOU.
YOU'VE GOT TO TRUST US.
I-I'M TRYING, MISS BETSY.
BUT IT'S SO HARD...
MELVIN'S ON A SHORT FUSE. I'VE GOT TO GET SOMEWHERE ON THIS CASE, AND FAST.
WITHOUT FOGGY--AND WITHOUT BECKY--MATT MURDOCK CAN'T FIND OUT WHAT HE NEEDS.
BUT MAYBE--JUST MAYBE--SOMEBODY ELSE CAN...


AND SO, IT ISN'T A CALM, QUIET ATTORNEY WHO PROWLS DARKLY ACROSS MANHATTAN'S SOOT-COVERED ROOFTOPS.
RATHER, IT IS HIS CRIMSON-COWLED ALTER EGO--THE MAN CALLED DAREDEVIL!
HE IS A SHADOW AMONG THE SHADOWS THAT CLOAK THE CITY HE LOVES...
...HE IS A SCARLET FURY, QUESTIONING, PLEADING, PUMMELLING EVERY TWO-BIT INFORMANT FOR A SINGLE CLUE THAT WILL BRING HIM CLOSER TO HIS PREY...
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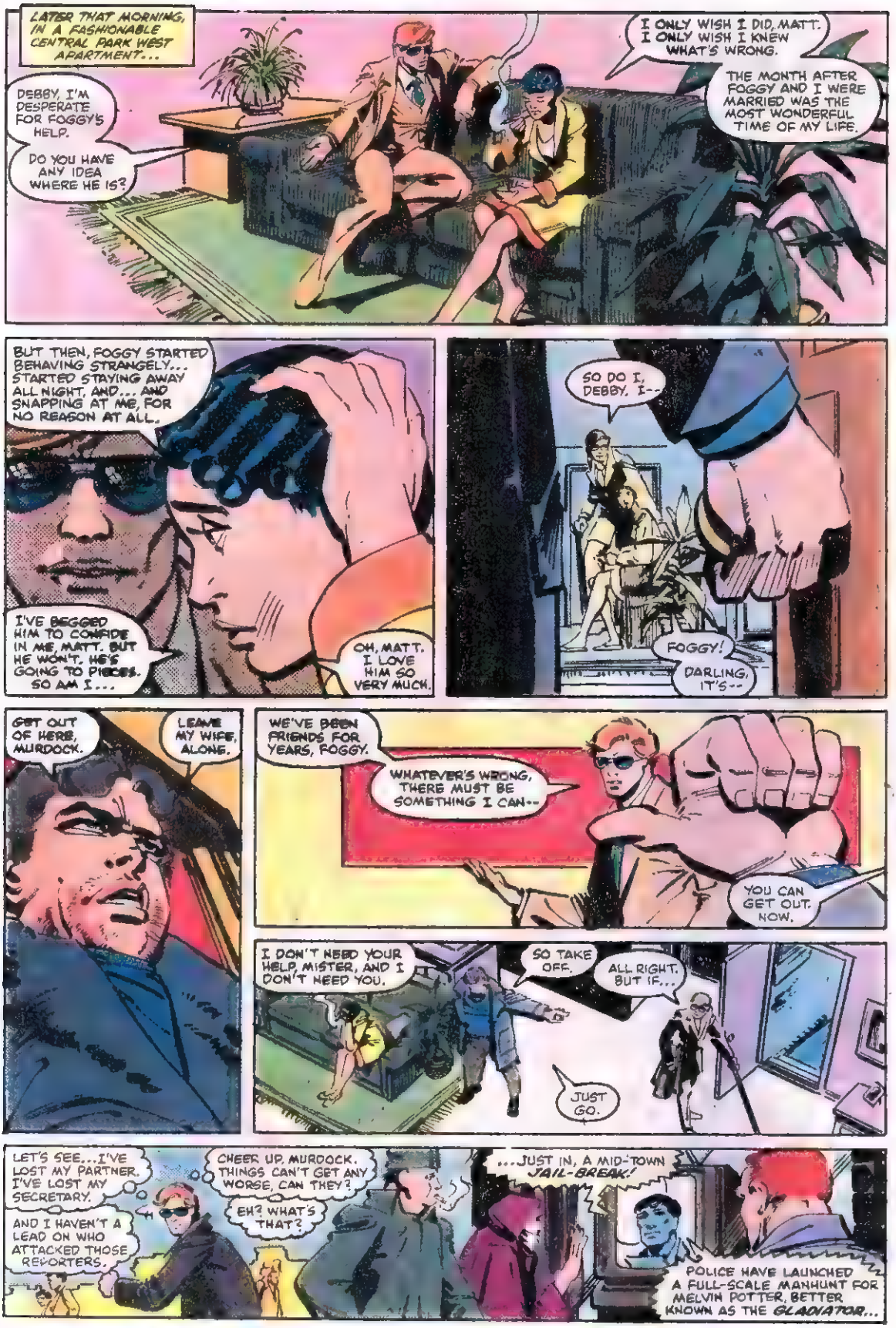
NOR DOES HE PAUSE IN HIS TERRIBLE SCOURGE, UNTIL NIGHT SUCCUMBS TO A GREY AND DISMAL DAWN...
...AND RAGE GIVES WAY TO BLEAK DESPAIR.
NOTHING!
NOT EVEN A LEAD...


LATER THAT MORNING, IN A FASHIONABLE CENTRAL PARK WEST APARTMENT...
DEBBY, I'M DESPERATE FOR FOGGY'S HELP.
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHERE HE IS?
I ONLY WISH I DID, MATT. I ONLY WISH I KNEW WHAT'S WRONG.
THE MONTH AFTER FOGGY AND I WERE MARRIED WAS THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF MY LIFE.
BUT THEN, FOGGY STARTED BEHAVING STRANGELY... STARTED STAYING AWAY ALL NIGHT, AND... AND SNAPPING AT ME, FOR NO REASON AT ALL.
I'VE BEGGED HIM TO CONFIDE IN ME, MATT. BUT HE WON'T. HE'S GOING TO PIECES. SO AM I...
OH, MATT. I LOVE HIM SO VERY MUCH.
SO DO I, DEBBY. I--
FOGGY!
DARLING, IT'S--
GET OUT OF HERE, MURDOCK.
LEAVE MY WIFE, ALONE.
WE'VE BEEN FRIENDS FOR YEARS, FOGGY.
WHATEVER'S WRONG, THERE MUST BE SOMETHING I CAN--
YOU CAN GET OUT. NOW.
I DON'T NEED YOUR HELP, MISTER, AND I DON'T NEED YOU.
SO TAKE OFF.
ALL RIGHT. BUT IF...
JUST GO.
LET'S SEE... I'VE LOST MY PARTNER. I'VE LOST MY SECRETARY.
AND I HAVEN'T A LEAD ON WHO ATTACKED THOSE REPORTERS.
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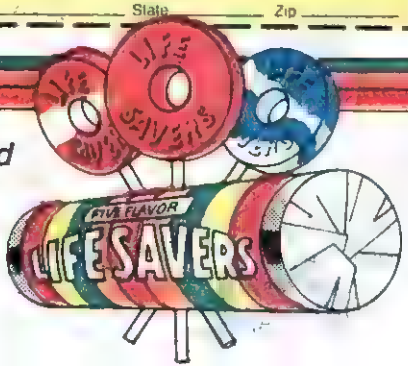

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MS. BEATTY, YOU MAINTAIN THAT POTTER IS NOT DANGEROUS?
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AND GUESS WHAT I'M THINK-ING NOW?
I'M THINKING THAT IF THIS MAN IS OBLIGING ENOUGH TO GIVE ME THIS KINDA OPPORTUNITY...
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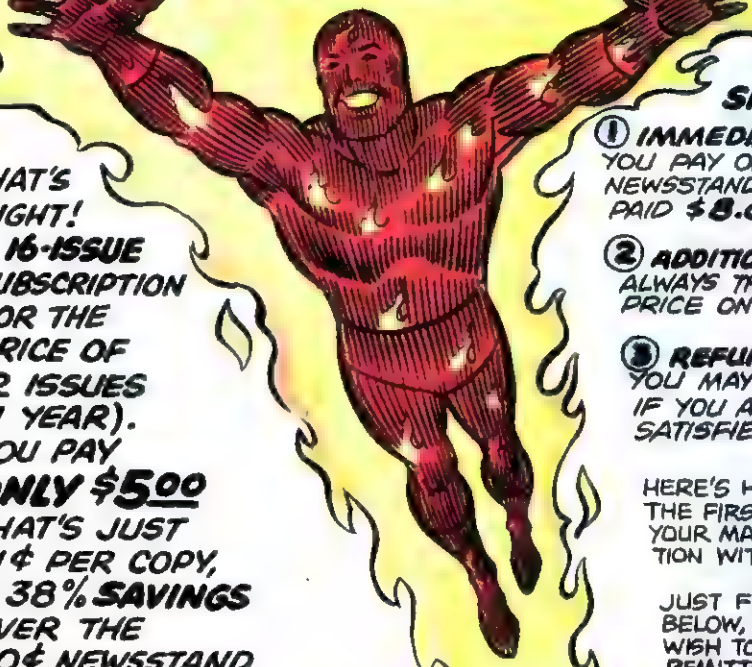

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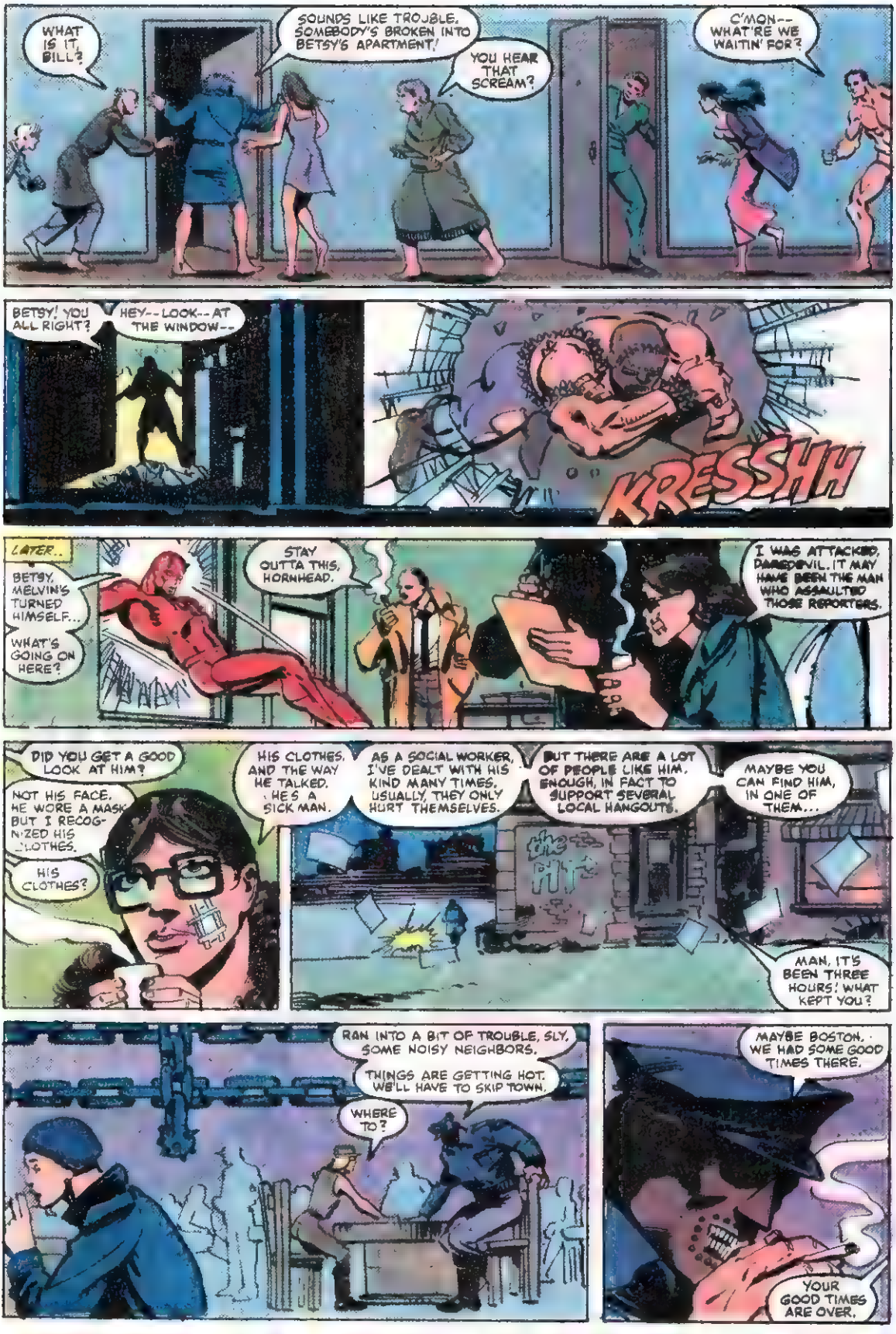
EEEEEEEE
NOW STOP THAT, YOU'LL WAKE THE NEIGHBORS.
EEEEEEEE
I SAID, STOP SCREAMING.
OH, YOU'RE A BAD ONE, AREN'T YOU?
EEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE
HAVE TO PUNISH YOU.
HEY-- THAT LAMP! WATCH IT, YOU'LL--
CRASH

WHERE'D YOU--
OOF!
YOU DO WANT TO PLAY!
COME OUT, COME OUT, WHEREVER YOU--
AAAHHH!
FOOOSHHH
FIRE EXTINGUISHER ...YOU'RE A CLEVER LITTLE WITCH.
AM I WARM?
NOT TALKING... THAT'S AGAINST THE RULES, YOU NAUGHTY, NAUGHTY GIRL.
I'M GONNA KILL YOU.
AAGGHH!!
CUT ME, YOU--
WHACK
HEY--WHAT'S GOING ON IN THERE?

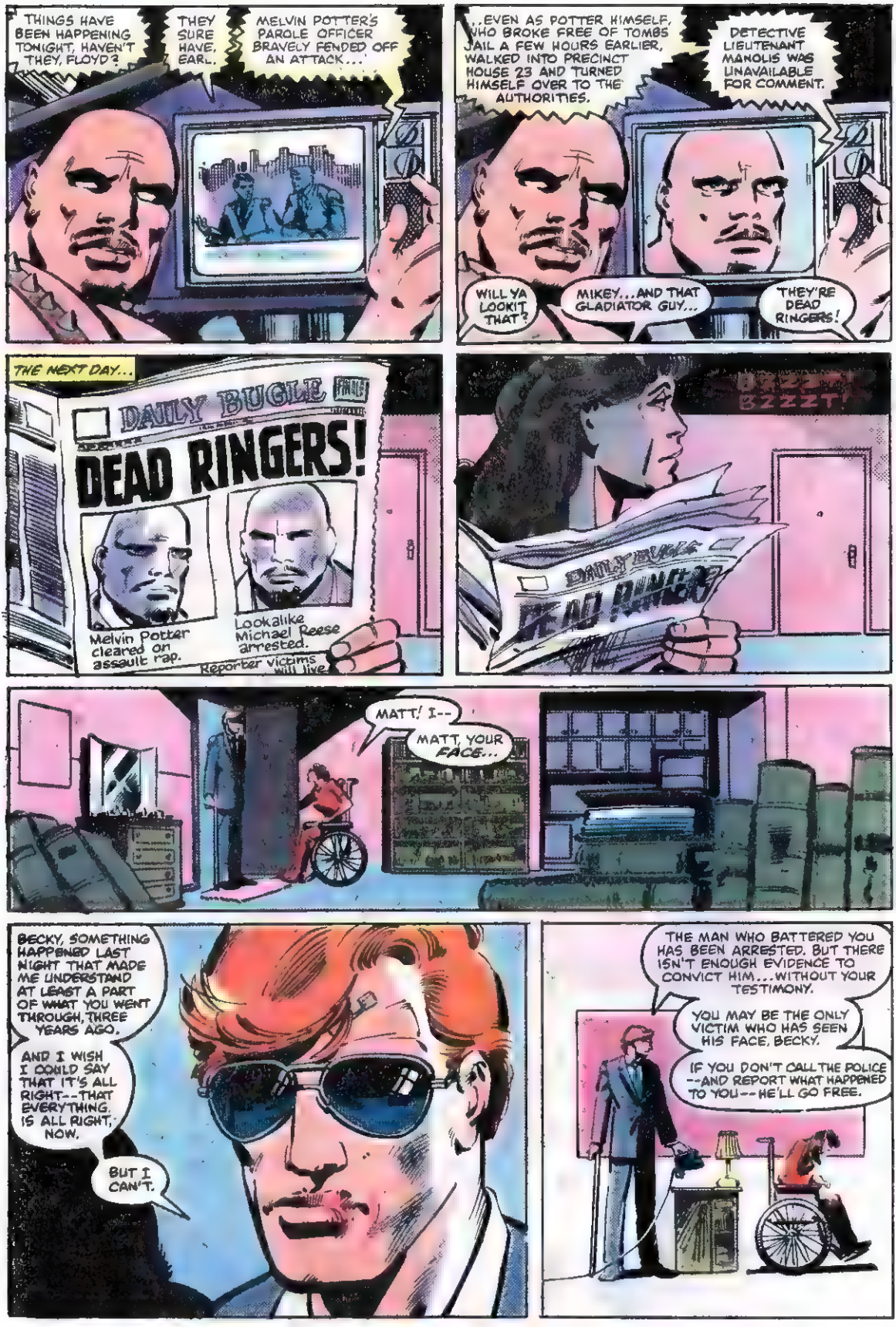

WHAT IS IT, BILL?
SOUNDS LIKE TROUBLE. SOMEBODY'S BROKEN INTO BETSY'S APARTMENT!
YOU HEAR THAT SCREAM?
C'MON-- WHAT'RE WE WAITIN' FOR?
BETSY! YOU ALL RIGHT?
HEY-- LOOK-- AT THE WINDOW--
KRESSHH
LATER..
BETSY, MELVIN'S TURNED HIMSELF...
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
STAY OUTTA THIS, HORNHEAD.
I WAS ATTACKED, DAREDEVIL. IT MAY HAVE BEEN THE MAN WHO ASSAULTED THOSE REPORTERS.
DID YOU GET A GOOD LOOK AT HIM?
NOT HIS FACE. HE WORE A MASK BUT I RECOGNIZED HIS CLOTHES.
HIS CLOTHES?
HIS CLOTHES, AND THE WAY HE TALKED. HE'S A SICK MAN.
AS A SOCIAL WORKER, I'VE DEALT WITH HIS KIND MANY TIMES. USUALLY, THEY ONLY HURT THEMSELVES.
BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE LIKE HIM, ENOUGH, IN FACT TO SUPPORT SEVERAL LOCAL HANGOUTS.
MAYBE YOU CAN FIND HIM, IN ONE OF THEM...
MAN, IT'S BEEN THREE HOURS! WHAT KEPT YOU?
RAN INTO A BIT OF TROUBLE, SLY. SOME NOISY NEIGHBORS.
THINGS ARE GETTING HOT. WE'LL HAVE TO SKIP TOWN.
WHERE TO?
MAYBE BOSTON. WE HAD SOME GOOD TIMES THERE.
YOUR GOOD TIMES ARE OVER.

IT TOOK TWO HOURS AND SIX JOINTS LIKE THIS TO FIND YOU, MISTER.
FINISH YOUR BEER. YOU'RE COMING WITH ME.
BACK OFF, LONGJOHNS.
I'LL BREAK YOUR FACE.
TRY IT, PLEASE.
GUESS HE DON'T KNOW HOW MANY FRIENDS MIKEY HAS.
LET'S TEACH HIM.
HEY--SOMEBODY'S MESSIN' WITH MIKEY!
SWAK-K
LHOK
YOU PUT YOUR FOOT IN IT THIS TIME, MURDOCK.
HAD NO IDEA HE WAS SO POPULAR!
WHOK
RUSH HIM! HE CAN'T FIGHT US ALL!
ROUGH CROWD --TOO MANY OF THEM...
GOT HIM! WE GOT HIM!
THUMP

THAT'S RIGHT-- HOLD HIM. PIN HIM DOWN.
HE'S A STRONG ONE!
YOU BET HE'S STRONG. HE'S A HIGH-AND-MIGHTY SUPER-HERO!
LET'S SHOW HIM SOME RESPECT.
SPLATT
CAN'T MOVE...
HELPLESS... I'M HELPLESS...
AT HIS MERCY...
...JUST LIKE BECKY WAS.
JUST
LIKE
BECKY

HEY-- WHAT'S HE...
HOW... HOW'S HE...
AAHHGGG!
KRAKK
THOK

THAKK
SPRKK
CHUKK
LOUSY... I'LL...
KRAK
N--NO..
DON'T..
KRAKOWIK
AND NOW, THE NEWS...


THINGS HAVE BEEN HAPPENING TONIGHT, HAVEN'T THEY, FLOYD?
THEY SURE HAVE, EARL.
MELVIN POTTER'S PAROLE OFFICER BRAVELY FENDED OFF AN ATTACK...
..EVEN AS POTTER HIMSELF, WHO BROKE FREE OF TOMBS JAIL A FEW HOURS EARLIER, WALKED INTO PRECINCT HOUSE 23 AND TURNED HIMSELF OVER TO THE AUTHORITIES.
DETECTIVE LIEUTENANT MANOLIS WAS UNAVAILABLE FOR COMMENT.
WILL YA LOOK'IT THAT?
MIKEY...AND THAT GLADIATOR GUY...
THEY'RE DEAD RINGERS!
THE NEXT DAY...
DAILY BUGLE
DEAD RINGERS!
Melvin Potter cleared on assault rap.
Lookalike Michael Reese arrested.
Reporter victims will live!
BZZZT!
MATT! I--
MATT, YOUR FACE...
BECKY, SOMETHING HAPPENED LAST NIGHT THAT MADE ME UNDERSTAND AT LEAST A PART OF WHAT YOU WENT THROUGH, THREE YEARS AGO.
AND I WISH I COULD SAY THAT IT'S ALL RIGHT--THAT EVERYTHING IS ALL RIGHT, NOW.
BUT I CAN'T.
THE MAN WHO BATTERED YOU HAS BEEN ARRESTED. BUT THERE ISN'T ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO CONVICT HIM...WITHOUT YOUR TESTIMONY.
YOU MAY BE THE ONLY VICTIM WHO HAS SEEN HIS FACE, BECKY.
IF YOU DON'T CALL THE POLICE --AND REPORT WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU--HE'LL GO FREE.

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BULLPEN BULLETINS

HOW SHALL I BEGIN.....?

Well, first I should remind you that this is, once again, the World's Tallest Comic Book Editor writing at you. Things have been popping around here lately, and so without further ado, I'd like to announce the newest addition to the Mighty Marvel Bullpen.

SOMEBODY CUE THE TRUMPETS...!

.....because Michael Z. Hobson has joined the ranks as brand-new Vice President of Publishing. As such, he'll be helping Fearless Publisher Stan Lee run the publishing end of things which includes overseeing the circulation, advertising, and creative departments. Upon meeting the new guy, Smilin' Stan in his, uh, unique manner, immediately dubbed him "Mellifluous Mike". Later, however, the new Veep confided to me that he'd prefer "Mike"... or "Your Majesty". We'll be working together to develop some of the new projects we've got cooking here at the House of Ideas (more about them later), as well as on keeping our regular comics and magazines soaring along!

THE HEY-WHAT-ABOUT-US DEPT

Last month I introduced Editors Denny O'Neil, Louise Jones, and Larry Hama to all of you out there. Nice gesture, right? But what do I get? Cold stares from the other two Editors, Jim Salicrup and Al Milgrom! All right, in the interests of fairness...

THE TRUTH ABOUT JIM SALICRUP...

Jim started working at Marvel at the ripe age of fifteen as a gofer. By the time he turned seventeen he was editing Marvel's British comics line. After a brief hiatus during which he founded his own company, he returned to the Bullpen as an Assistant Editor for the color comics. A little over a year ago, he advanced to the prestigious position of Editor. Now, at twenty-three, he's both the youngest and oldest editorial staffer — still a spring chicken, but with many years of experience! Folks regard "Jaunty" Jim as sort of a Mad Genius.

THE LOWDOWN ON AL MILGROM...

Al became renowned as an artist on the *Captain Marvel* and *Guardians of the Galaxy* series a few years back. Everyone knew he could draw, ink, and color. Most people knew he was a terrific volleyball player, softball player, racquetball player, and that it was financial suicide to face him across the poker table. Some folks knew he was an all-round nice guy, though possibly a few poker victims might disagree. *Nobody* knew he had any editorial skill — or that he could even spell his own name. Imagine my surprise when I discovered that he could, thanks to his brief stint editing at the Deliberate Competition. Well, when a cutback forced those guys to let Al go, I hired him on in a flash, and he's been dazzling Marveldom with his trend-setting editorial style ever since!

THE DIAMOND DILEMMA...

Many collectors have inquired about the two different types of covers they've seen on Marvel Comics. One type has the price, date, issue number, and some strange numbers and symbols in little boxes, like this:

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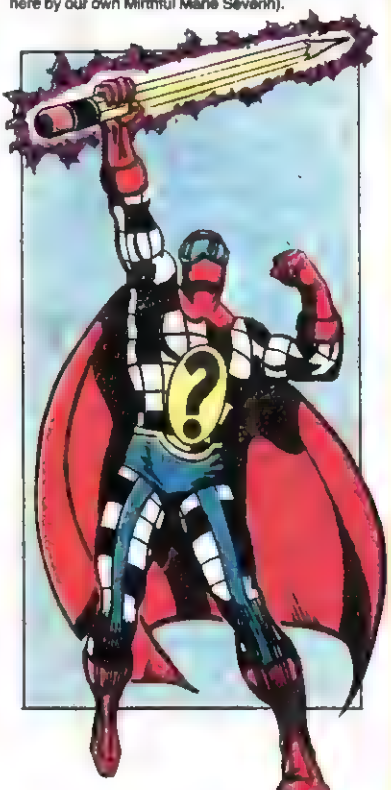
AND THE WINNER IS...

A while back we rocked the publishing world with a damngly different concept — a *puzzle comic book!*, geared largely for the younger set, called FUN AND GAMES. We thought it was a terrific idea! We still do — even though we've ceased publication for a while, until we can work out a better plan to get the book out there where puzzle-fans can find it. Just wait...!

But, back to the point — before publication of FUN AND GAMES was suspended, we had announced a little *contest*. We asked for puzzle people all over to send in sketches of what they thought *Puzzle Man*, our new character should look like. We promised to print the best idea. Even though FUN AND GAMES is no more, ever true to our word, we hereby present *Puzzle Man* as designed by John Schlim of Peterborough, New Hampshire (rendered here by our own Mirthful Marie Severin).



Congratulations, John, and thanks.

YOU SAY THEY CALL HIM "HEF"...?

I mentioned last month that folks around here often refer to Dashing Denny O'Neil as "Hef", and I promised I'd explain why that's so. Well, it's simple folks. "Hef" is short for "El Jefe del Mundo" (pronounced El Hef-ay del Moon-do, sort of) which is Spanish for "Chief of the World". Next month *Denny* will explain why people started calling him "El Jefe del Mundo" in the first place.

HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU...

That's all the space I have this month, but be sure to tune in next month when I'll explain why rutabagas are like rock stars.

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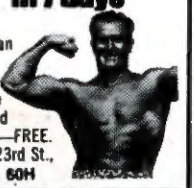

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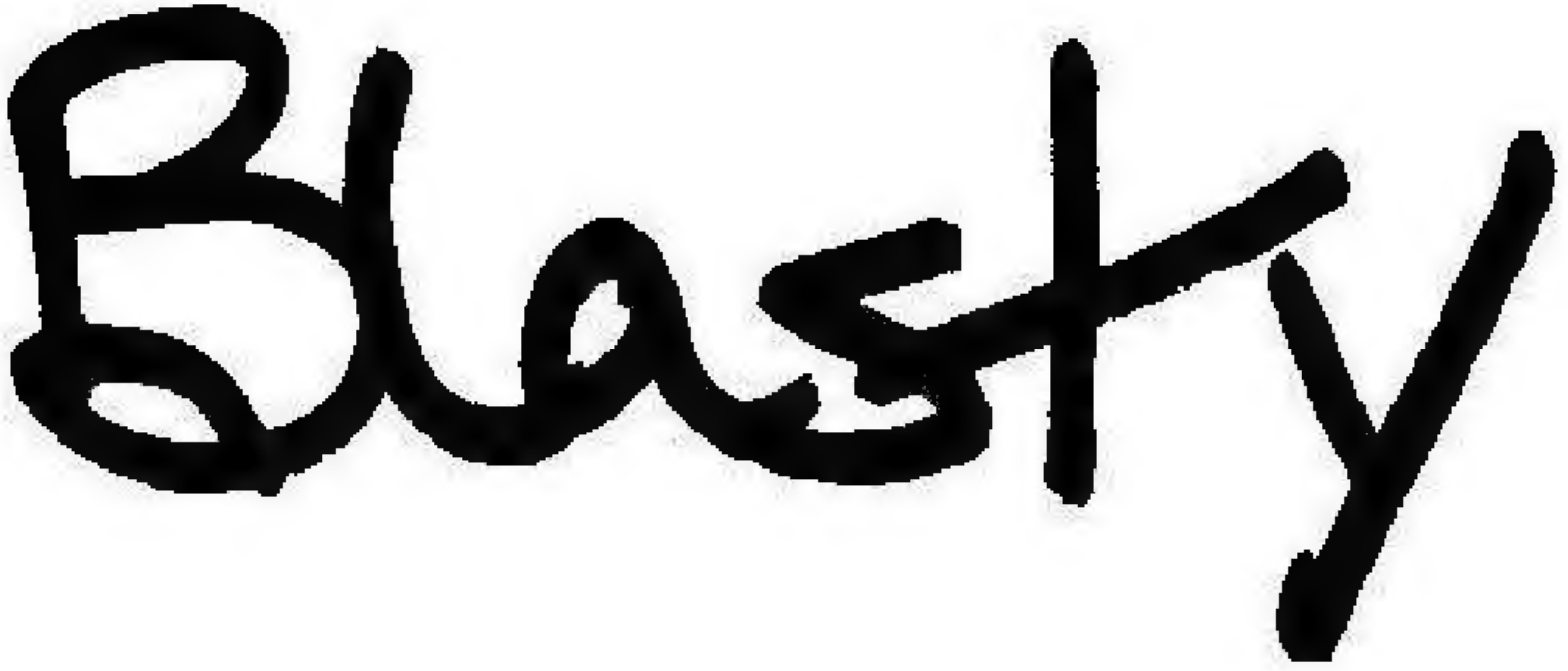
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